

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 12-16 are pending with claims 1, 2, 7, 12 and 16 being independent. Claims 12-15 were previously withdrawn, leaving claims 1-3, 5-7 and 16 for prosecution. Claims 4 and 8-11 have been canceled and claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 16 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at page 8, line 20 through page 11, line 17, and in Figs. 1 and 4. No new matter has been introduced.

The amendments to claims 3, 6 and 7 are believed to address the Examiner's objections to those claims.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 16 have been rejected as being indefinite. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendments to the claims. In particular, claims 1 and 16 have been amended to affirmatively recite method steps, and claims 2 and 7 have been amended to eliminate the "means to decide the roles" and the reference to "synchronizing" the writing and reading devices.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been rejected as being anticipated by applicant's admitted prior art ("AAPA") as set forth at page 5, line 28 to page 6, line 15 of the application. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the AAPA does not describe or suggest that a pulse of a constant period is input into the writing circuit, or that the start of writing of the writing circuit is controlled based on the pulse after revision of a selection by the selector circuit, as recited in amended claim 2.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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